

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
AUGUST 4, 2008
5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Answering rollcall were: Members Bennett, Housh, Masica, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager; Cary Teague, Director of Planning; and Debra Mangen, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland said the purpose of the study session was to continue review of the Land Use chapter of the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update 2008.

Member Masica commented that she would not be at the September 2, 2008, Council meetings.

Staff recapped the results of the July 22, 2008, work session dealing with the greater Southdale area of the city. The Council finished their discussion of appropriate heights in the area and staff recorded the suggested heights. Some items from the discussion included: the ability to maintain the vibrancy of the area, potential future ownership of Southdale, community vision for Edina did not embrace height, traffic congestion, and differing heights of individual stories effect on the overall height of the building, desire to maintain or increase green space, and the desire to encourage pedestrian friendly redevelopment if possible.

After concluding their discussion of the greater Southdale area, the Council next began the review of the France corridor north of Trunk Highway 62. Discussion included the regional medical district, FAR in the regional medical district, the office residential district in this area and scheduling of future work sessions on the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangen, City Clerk